In re Application of: SUZUKI ET AL.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0043] in the application as filed with the following amended paragraph:

[0043] Chain imbalances A linkage disequilibrium between SNPs that can be analyzed are thought to occur when the physical distance between SNP positions is about 10,000 to 100,000 nucleotide bases. Therefore, when [[the]] approximately 100,000 SNPs contained in the first 'scanning domain' cover the entire length of the approximately 100,000 chromosomes, it is preferred that the first typing be performed for about 1,000 SNPs.

Please replace paragraph [0076] in the application as filed with the following amended paragraph:

[0076] However, as described above, it is very difficult to select and directly type a 'target' SNP. This problem is solved by applying the chain imbalance linkage disequilibrium between the 'target' SNP and the nearby SNPs, and by estimating the domain near the 'target' SNP. The nearby SNP with the chain imbalance linkage disequilibrium is weak when compared with when the 'target' SNP is analyzed directly, and similarly, it is expected that the probability distribution of the haplotype will change. This kind of nearby SNP is considered to be a 'marker' SNP for the 'target' SNP. In other words, the statistical amount of the sample that is the object of analysis (group with effect: Case group) is compared with the reference statistical amount of the reference sample (group having no effect: Control group) and when the difference exceeds a preset threshold value, it is determined that there was change in the corresponding typing domain (estimated as the marker SNP), and a specified ratio (for example 1/5 to 1/10) with respect to that typing domain is set as a new scanning domain, and the next processing cycle is performed.